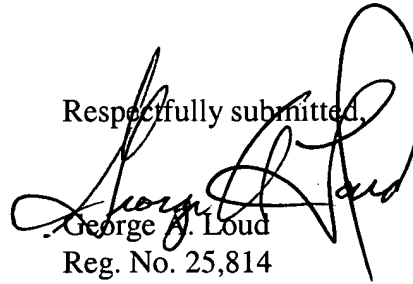


in better idiomatic English form. It has been noted that the case as originally filed did not include an Abstract. The "Substitute Specification and Abstract" submitted herewith contains no new matter. In order that the examiner can satisfy himself in this regard, also submitted herewith is a marked-up copy of the original specification, from which the "Substitute Specification" was typed.

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Amendments to Specification

In the substitute specification, please rewrite the paragraph at page 10, lines 8-11 as follows:

--Further, since the closed-cell cellular material 14 is present between the PVC layer 12 of the skin material 10 and the cushioning material 20, the plasticizer contained in the PVC layer 12 cannot migrate through the substrate fabric 13 to the cushioning material 20, thereby preventing degradation of the cushioning material 20.--

Please change the paragraph at page 22, line 17 to page 23, line 1 to read as follows.

--Alternatively, adhesive 40 may be coated on skin material 10 molded into a concave/convex shape in a mold frame and then the skin [then] charged with a starting precursor for urethane foam and molding the same by framing.--

Amendments to Claims

13. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a vehicle seat comprising: [in which a cushioning material is covered with a skin material, wherein the method comprises;]

providing a cushioning material having a ridge defining a seating area;

[a step of] coating an adhesive on [to] at least one the [of a region inward of a ridge for a] seating area of the cushioning material and a first portion of a skin material disposed to cover [a region inward of the ridge for] the seating area; [of the cushioning material,]

[a step of] covering the cushioning material with the skin material; [to the cushioning material,]

[a step of] press-bonding the skin material to [and] the cushioning material; [,] and securing a [step of applying a treatment to the] peripheral edge [end] of the skin material to the seat.

14. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a vehicle seat as defined in claim 13, wherein the method further comprises: [;]

[a step of] vacuum forming the skin material into a three-dimensional shape [,] prior to said [a step of] coating [an adhesive to at least one of the region inward of the ridge for the seating area of the cushioning material and the skin material disposed to the region inward of the ridge for the seating area of the cushioning material, and

a step of vacuum forming the skin material].

15. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a vehicle seat as defined in claim 13 further comprising [, wherein the method comprises the steps of]:

forming the skin material by joining the first portion of the [a] skin material [including the region of the seating area] and a second portion of skin material, for covering portions of cushioning material outside [not including the region] of the seating area, said joining forming a joining line;

forming a concave groove in the cushioning material at a predetermined position including the [a] joining line, [for joining the skin materials] on the seating area side of the ridge [for the cushioning material from the joining line to a region of the seating area]; [,] and

covering [a water proof film] over the cushioning material with a water proof film and then cutting off the water proof film along the concave groove so that no water proof film remains within the seating area.